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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/587,574

Applicant(s)

BEHRENS ET AL.

Examiner

MISOOK YU, Ph.D.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 47-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 48-51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The new declaration, and amendment filed on 05/27/2004 are acknowledged.

Claims 48-51 are new. Since applicant has not overcome the rejection of the elected species (see below), Claims 48-51 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Note the Requirement for Restriction/Election mailed on 07/11/2001.

This application contains claims 48-51, drawn to an invention nonelected. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claims 47-51 are pending. Claim 47 is under consideration.

This Office action contains new ground of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102, Withdrawn

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Behrens et al (1998, Science vol. 280, pages 596-599, a copy provided with the Office action mailed on 11/26/2001) is withdrawn in view of the amendment to the specification, and the new declaration filed on 05/27/2004.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on the German application 19738205.3 filed in on 09/02/1997. However, upon the review of instant application, there is ambiguity as to whether applicant has filed a certified copy of the foreign application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

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Further, applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a certified translation of the German application has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Behrens et al of record (24 April 1998, Science vol. 280, pages 596-599, a copy provided with the Office action mailed on 11/26/2001).

Claim 47 is drawn to an isolated protein comprising SEQ ID NO:1. As stated before in the previous Office actions, Behrens et al who teach instant SEQ ID NO:1.

Since applicant now claims foreign priority to the German application 19738205.3 filed in on 09/02/1997 under 35 U.S.C. 119(b) and domestic priority to PCT/DE98/02621 in the declaration filed on 05/27/2004, the 102 (b) art rejection is changed to 102 (a) over the same reference.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MISOOK YU, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0839. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey C Siew can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER